

# DSM Press Release

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## Repurchase of shares for balance sheet optimization plan

Royal DSM N.V. has repurchased 729,991 of its own shares in the period from October 5 up to and including October 11, 2006 at an average price of EUR 35.83. This is in accordance with the share buyback program announced on September 27, 2006 that is designed to achieve the desired balance sheet structure. The consideration of this repurchase was EUR 26.2 million.

The total number of shares repurchased under this program to date is 1,645,032 for a total consideration of EUR 57.9 million.

### DSM

DSM is active worldwide in nutritional and pharma ingredients, performance materials and industrial chemicals. The company creates innovative products and services that help improve the quality of life. DSM's products are used in a wide range of end markets and applications such as human and animal nutrition and health, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, automotive and transport, coatings, housing and electrics & electronics (E&E). DSM's strategy, named *Vision 2010 – Building on Strengths*, focuses on accelerating profitable and innovative growth of the company's specialties portfolio. Market-driven growth, innovation and increased presence in emerging economies are key drivers of this strategy. The group has annual sales of over EUR 8 billion and employs some 22,000 people worldwide. DSM ranks among the global leaders in many of its fields. The company is headquartered in the Netherlands, with locations in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. More information about DSM can be found at [www.dsm.com](http://www.dsm.com).

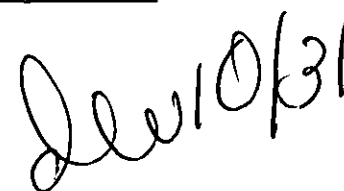
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